(c) the action taken against those errant officials responsible for Railway losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRYOF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No case of flouting norms for tender allotment during 1997 to 2003 resulting into loss of Rs. 200 crore has come to notice.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Headless Railway Zones

1997. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about seven railway zones are headless for a long time;

(b) if so, the names of those zones and the reasons for remaining headless;

(c) whether Government have taken steps to fill the vacancies without any further delay; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) Presently 02 posts of General Managers of Zonal Railways, namely GM/East Central Railway and GM/Northem Railway are vacant. These vacancies have arisen consequent on promotion of the earlier incumbents as Members of Railway Board on 28.02.05 (AN). Steps to fill up these posts by regular incumbents have already been initiated. Meanwhile, arrangements have been made to look after the work of these posts by GM/North Eastern Railway and Member (Engineering), Railway Board respectively.

Replacement of old rail tracks

†1998. SHRI MOTILAL VORA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to immediately replace the old rail tracks;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.